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SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZAPU PROJECTIONS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE JULY 12, ZAPU 1ST DEPUTY
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DANIEL MADZIMBAMUTO PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF WHAT IS LIKELY TO UNFOLD IN RHODESIA.

2. IAN SMITH HAS NO INTENTION OF TURNING OVER POWER DECEMBER
31 TO THOSE BLACKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.
HE HAS A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE WHITES OF RHODESIA
WHICH WILL PREVENT HIM FROM LEAVING THEM WITH "A MESS." THERE
WERE TWO ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL INTERNAL SETTLE-
MENT--DE-ESCALATION OF THE WAR AND LIFTING OF SANCTIONS.
THESE HAVE NOT TAKEN PLACE. THEREFORE, SMITH WILL LOOK TO SOME
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OTHER SOLUTION, WHICH WILL OFFER GUARANTEES FOR THE WELL BEING
OF THE WHITES. THIS SOLUTION WILL BE TO DUMP MUZOREWA, SITHOLE
AND CHIRAU AND CALL FOR A MEETING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT
TO DISCUSS THE TRANSFERRAL OF POWER ON THE BEST TERMS (FOR
THE WHITES) POSSIBLE. AS FOR THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE, IT
HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

3. COMMENT: IF THE ZAPU LEADERSHIP BELIEVES THAT EVENTS ARE
MOVING IN THEIR FAVOR, AND MADZIMBAMUTO CLEARLY INDICATED THAT
THIS IS THE CASE, IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THEIR RECEPTIVITY
TO THE IDEA OF AN ALL PARTIES MEETING WILL WANE.
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